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VIRGINIA'S WHEAT PRODUCERS EXPECT SMALLER CROP

The 2010 wheat crop is expected to total 11 million bushels, according to the initial season forecast just released by the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. If realized, production will be down 9 percent from 2009. Producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 175,000 acres of wheat that will yield an average of 63 bushels per acre. As of early May, the majority of the wheat crop is in fair to good condition.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.46 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2009. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.9 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous year.

Hard Red Winter, at 960 million bushels, is up 5 percent from 2009. Soft Red Winter, at 283 million bushels, is down 30 percent from last year. White Winter is up 7 percent from last year and now totals 215 million bushels. Of this total, 17.0 million bushels are Hard White and 198 million bushels are Soft White.

Virginia Winter Wheat

Years	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	(1,000 acres)		(1,000 acres)		(bushels/acre)		(1,000 bushels)	
2005	180		160		63.0		10,080	
2006	190		155		68.0		10,540	
2007	230		205		64.0		13,120	
2008	310		280		71.0		19,880	
2009	250		210		58.0		12,180	
2010	220		175		63.0		11,025	
Record High 1/	1937	668	1937	648	2008	71.0	2008	19,880
Record Low 1/	1966	163	1978	133	1932	10.8	1963	3,690

CORN ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, 2009 ^{1/}

	CORN FOR GRAIN				CORN FOR SILAGE ^{2/}		
	Planted -acres-	Harvested -acres-	Yield -bushels-	Production -bushels-	Harvested -acres-	Yield -tons-	Production -tons-
Northern							
Clarke	3,800	3,000	135	405,000	—	—	—
Culpeper	9,600	5,500	134	737,000	—	—	—
Fauquier	10,900	8,300	113	937,900	—	—	—
Frederick	3,700	1,900	135	256,500	—	—	—
Loudoun	6,500	5,600	114	638,400	—	—	—
Madison	5,700	4,100	133	546,800	—	—	—
Page	3,000	1,000	106	106,000	—	—	—
Rappahannock	500	300	121	36,300	—	—	—
Rockingham	29,000	11,300	139	1,569,400	—	—	—
Shenandoah	11,500	7,300	145	1,058,500	—	—	—
Stafford	2,300	2,000	86	172,500	—	—	—
District Total *	90,000	51,000	128	6,528,000	—	—	—
Western							
Augusta	17,200	5,200	135.0	699,700	—	—	—
District Total *	27,000	11,000	129.0	1,422,000	—	—	—
Central							
Amelia	5,000	2,300	119.0	273,700	—	—	—
Appomattox	700	350	103.0	36,100	—	—	—
Bedford	2,300	350	94.0	32,900	—	—	—
Campbell	2,100	300	77	23,100	—	—	—
Caroline	13,100	11,300	127	1,435,100	—	—	—
Cumberland	1,400	250	114	28,500	—	—	—
Goochland	6,500	3,200	147	470,400	—	—	—
Hanover	11,200	8,000	122	976,000	—	—	—
Louisa	3,300	2,400	118	283,200	—	—	—
Orange	7,900	3,800	132	501,600	—	—	—
Powhatan	1,500	1,200	144	172,800	—	—	—
Prince Edward	1,500	800	103	82,400	—	—	—
Spotsylvania	3,300	1,600	133	212,800	—	—	—
District Total *	71,000	42,000	126	5,292,000	—	—	—
Eastern							
Accomack	25,800	23,700	145	3,425,000	—	—	—
Charles City	7,900	7,200	115	828,000	—	—	—
Essex	18,700	17,500	146	2,555,000	—	—	—
Gloucester	5,200	4,900	113	553,700	—	—	—
King & Queen	12,600	11,900	121	1,435,300	—	—	—
King William	11,000	9,900	147	1,450,900	—	—	—
Middlesex	6,800	6,300	148	932,400	—	—	—
New Kent	4,200	3,900	136	530,400	—	—	—
Northampton	10,200	9,500	166	1,577,000	—	—	—
Northumberland	12,600	11,400	163	1,860,600	—	—	—
Richmond	10,100	9,400	147	1,380,000	—	—	—
Westmoreland	13,300	12,000	145	1,740,000	—	—	—
District Total *	152,000	139,000	142	19,738,000	—	—	—

Continued.

CORN ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, 2009 ^{1/}, continued

	CORN FOR GRAIN				CORN FOR SILAGE ^{2/}		
	Planted -acres-	Harvested -acres-	Yield -bushels-	Production -bushels-	Harvested -acres-	Yield -tons-	Production -tons-
Southwestern							
Grayson	1,400	*	*	*	—	—	—
Lee	700	300	120.0	36,000	—	—	—
Russel	2,100	200	96.0	19,200	—	—	—
Washington	2,900	700	121.0	84,700	—	—	—
Wythe	4,500	300	132.0	39,600	—	—	—
District Total *	24,000	3,000	129.0	387,000	—	—	—
Southern							
Charlotte	2,300	900	102.0	91,800	—	—	—
Franklin	13,100	1,600	112.0	179,200	—	—	—
Halifax	3,000	2,200	63.0	138,600	—	—	—
Nottoway	1,300	600	111.0	66,600	—	—	—
Pittsylvania	7,100	1,200	90.0	108,000	—	—	—
District Total *	30,000	7,000	89.0	623,000	—	—	—
Southeastern							
Greensville	1,800	1,400	111.0	155,400	—	—	—
Isle Of Wight					—	—	—
	11,000	10,200	111.0	1,132,200			
Southampton	14,200	12,700	118.0	1,498,600	—	—	—
Sussex	6,900	6,300	122.0	768,600	—	—	—
Chesapeake	11,100	9,900	132.0	1,306,800	—	—	—
Suffolk City	10,000	9,300	96.0	892,800	—	—	—
Virginia Beach	6,700	6,300	154.0	970,200	—	—	—
District Total *	86,000	77,000	120.0	9,240,000	—	—	—
State Total	480,000	330,000	131.0	43,230,000	—	—	—

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Corn for silage discontinued for 2009. * Counties with less than 500 acres and/or to prevent disclosure of confidential data have been included in the "District Total".

Milk Cows and Milk Production February ^{1/} - March 2009 - 2010

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk Per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010
	-Thousand Head-			-Pounds-			-Million Pounds-		
Virginia	97	95	95	1600	1,400	1560	155	133	148
23 State Total	8,482	8,318	8,320	1,795	1,640	1846	15,222	13,643	15,355

1/ 2010 Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices April 2010 ^{9/}
		April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	
		-Dollars-			-Dollars-			
Wheat (Winter) ^{2/}	Bu.	4.29	4.04	4.01	5.26	4.45	4.33	14.50
Corn	Bu.	4.15	3.86	3.80	3.85	3.55	3.51	9.04
Barley (All)	Bu.	2.56	2.78	2.26	4.84	4.15	3.63	10.10
Hay, Baled: All ^{3/}	Ton	143.00	131.00	132.00	126.00	108.00	109.00	—
Alfalfa ^{3/}	Ton	175.00	140.00	145.00	131.00	111.00	113.00	—
Other ^{3/}	Ton	140.00	130.00	130.00	114.00	98.60	99.30	—
All Tobacco	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	—
Peanuts	Lb.	0.288	0.231	0.209	0.252	0.206	0.204	0.705
Soybeans	Bu.	9.88	9.36	9.24	9.79	9.39	9.48	22.30
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	.320	.310	--	.204	.295	.300	0.802
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	9.81	7.42	7.59	20.30
Oats	Bu.	2.70	2.15	2.08	2.37	2.28	2.04	5.93
Beef Cattle ^{10/}	Cwt.	76.70	80.90	88.30	83.80	90.50	95.40	248.00
Cows	Cwt.	45.20	47.00	49.00	48.00	53.50	56.90	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	86.10	93.50	100.00	88.30	95.60	101.00	—
Calves	Cwt.	98.40	107.00	113.00	109.00	115.00	121.00	350.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	--	--	--	44.00	52.20	53.60	135.00
Milk: All, Wholesale ^{4/ 8/}	Cwt.	14.00	18.10	17.40	11.90	14.80	14.60	44.50
Fluid Consumption ^{8/}	Cwt.	14.00	18.10	17.40	11.90	14.80	14.60	—
Manufacture ^{8/}	Cwt.	--	--	--	11.40	13.40	13.70	—
Market Eggs ^{3/ 5/}	Doz.	0.77	1.11	0.68	0.774	1.060	0.599	2.21
Broilers, Live ^{6/}	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	0.450	0.490	0.480	—
Turkeys, Live ^{3/ 6/}	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	0.476	0.522	0.531	1.36

-- No sales indicated or not available. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent live weight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued. 8/ April 2010 fat test percent: all milk 3.65, fluid milk 3.64, mfg. grade 3.97. 9/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived by dividing the average of 10 seasons average prices 1996 – 2005, including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations, by 716 percent (120-month, Jan 1996–Dec 2005 average of the index of prices received by farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted. 10/ "Cows" and "Steers and Heifers" combined.

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